

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the Pennsylvania Apprenticeship Coordinators Association, founded in Philadelphia in 1995 and expanded statewide in 1998, was the first such state organization of its kind in the United States; and

WHEREAS, the Pennsylvania Apprenticeship Coordinators Association established, and supports each year, Pennsylvania Apprenticeship Day at the State Capitol; and

WHEREAS, with nearly eighty members and more than 75% of the registered apprentices in Pennsylvania, the Pennsylvania Apprenticeship Coordinators Association is recognized as "The Authority" on apprenticeship in the Keystone state.

WHEREAS, the Pennsylvania Apprenticeship Coordinators Association, has led apprenticeship into the 21st century by securing accreditation for apprenticeship schools through the US Department of Education; and

WHEREAS, the Pennsylvania Apprenticeship Coordinators Association members were the 1st, 3rd, 4th and 6th apprenticeship schools in the nation to earn accreditation from the US Department of Education and

WHEREAS, the Pennsylvania Apprenticeship Coordinators Association membership led the development of the National Handbook of Accreditation for Registered Apprenticeship programs, and serve as representatives on the first apprenticeship liaison committee to the U.S. Dept. of Education, and the Council on Occupational Education; and

WHEREAS, the Pennsylvania Apprenticeship Coordinators Association has the first freestanding apprenticeship program to offer a degree in Construction Technologies in the Commonwealth and the nation; and

WHEREAS, the Pennsylvania Apprenticeship Coordinators Association promotes and enhances economic vitality by producing highly skilled and competitive workers for the Commonwealth.

THEREFORE, in recognition of the role that the Pennsylvania Apprenticeship Coordinators Association has played in the development of educational and economic opportunities throughout the Commonwealth, we, the members of the Pennsylvania Apprentice Coordinators Association, do hereby proclaim November 14-18, 2016, to be NATIONAL APPRENTICESHIP WEEK. We encourage all citizens to recognize the economic potential and success achieved by the students in the programs of the Pennsylvania Apprenticeship Coordinators Association - The Authority on Apprenticeship in Pennsylvania.

